

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಚ್. ಹನುಮೇಗೌಡ.—ಇದನ್ನು ಪ್ರತಿವರ್ಷವೂ ವಿಡ್ಡಾಯವಾಗಿ ಬರೆಯುವಹಾಗೆ ಕ್ರಮಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಮಲ್ಲಿಕಾರ್ಜುನ ಖಾರ್ಗೆ.—ಲ್ಯಾಂಡ್ ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ಆಕ್ಟ್ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಅವರು ಮಾಡೇ ಮಾಡು ತ್ತಾರೆ. ಎಲ್ಲಿ ಅದನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿಲ್ಲ, ತೊಂದರೆ ಇದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರೆ ಆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾಡಿಸಿಕೊಡುತ್ತೇವೆ.

Supply of Logs to the Bharat Gold Mines Ltd., Kolar.

434 SRI C. M. ARUMUGAM (K. G. F.).—Will the Minister for Forest, Mines and Geology be pleased to state :—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Forest Department supplied logs to the Bharat Gold Mines Limited, Kolar Gold Fields;

(b) if so, since when they are supplying and the rate and terms and conditions for such supply ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the required logs to the Bharat Gold Mines Limited are being supplied through agents ;

(d) if so, the names and addresses of such agents (Details may please be furnished) ;

(e) whether it is a fact that there is a mis-use in the supply of logs to the Bharat Gold Mines Limited ;

(f) if so, the action taken thereof ?

SRI G. MADE GOWDA (Minister for Forest, Mines and Geology).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Since 1978-79 Forest Department is supplying logs at the Depot sanctioned schedule of rates plus all statutory charges.

(c) The allotment is direct to the Company and not through any agents.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (c).

(e) No. The Department has neither come across such misuse nor received any complaint to that effect.

(f) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (c).

SRI C.M. ARUMUGHAM.— Sir, the other day the hon. Minister was saying that he has received a note from the C.O.D. May I know what is that note? I would like to know whether the C.O.D. was asked to investigate this case or whether there was any complaint from the Forest Department or whether there was any complaint from the Management of the Bharat Gold Mines Ltd.

SRI MADE GOWDA .— On the other day I said that the C.B.I. had taken up that investigation. We do not know who has given a complaint to C.B.I. They have asked some information and we are going to supply it.

SRI C.M. ARUMUGHAM .— What is the information that the C.B.I. has asked the Government? What are the matters involved? Whether the C.B.I. has taken up the investigation on the complaint from the State Government or the Forest Department or whether there was a complaint from the Bharat Gold Mines Ltd? How the C.B.I. entered the field?

SRI G. MADE GOWDA .— Those particulars are not available. They have asked the particulars about the transactions. We do not know what are their grievances. It is said that some transport Contractor has misused the member. They Rule now takenup investigation. They have asked some particulars and we are going to supply them.

SRI C.M. ARUMUGHAM .— Who is that Contractor involved? Whether that Transport Contractor was asked to transport logs? The point is, while transporting timber, instead of taking it to Gold Mines, they have taken it elsewhere. You will have to kindly verify this. You are giving good timber for the Railways and for the Government of India including Bharath Gold Mines. These are reserved timbers. They are not given to the private people. Therefore has it come to the notice of the Government that this Transport Contractor has not taken the timber to the Gold Mines but some where else?

SRI G. MADE GOWDA .— This might be true. But how can we say? We are not at all concerned.

MR. SPEAKER .— The question is, whether the Government is aware...

SRI G. MADE GOWDA .— We are not aware of it. That is also not our business.

SRI C. M. ARUMUGHAM .— Has the Government taken any initiative to find out the matter involved in this deal of transporting logs or supplying logs? Why the CBI is enquiring in to it? When the CBI is enquiring into it, is it not the duty of the Department and the Government to find out what is the matter?

SRI G. MADE GOWDA .— The hon. member must appreciate that as soon as his notice to this question was received, we immediately deputed an officer to the Gold Mines and as far as our knowledge goes we did not find any fault. When the question appeared on the 2nd, we received a letter from the CBI stating that they wanted some particulars. Except that, we do not know anything about it.

SRI C.M. ARUMUGHAM .— Is it possible for the Hon. Minister to say that certain number of cubic metres of logs have been supplied and the rate at which it was supplied? What was the amount that they have received from the Gold Mines? Any amount out standing as arrears?

SRI G. MADE GOWDA .— We have sanctioned 4,690 cubic metres of wood. So far we have released and they have taken delivery of 1,226 cubic metres of log but the values are different since we have supplied so many varieties of timber. We have given them as per the schedule of rates.

MR. SPEAKER .— He wants the total amount.

SRI G. MADE GOWDA .— That total value is not with me. We have supplied 3 or 4 varieties of timber, the values of which are different.

SRI C.M. ARUMUGHAM .— You are a good Minister, so I like you. When the question was held over, should you not collect the information from your Department and give exhaustive answer? You must foreseen what question I will put. Not that I will put the question and after getting the answer I will sit. No, don't expect me to act like that so also other members. If you want to collect some more information. I will appeal to the Hon. Speaker to withhold the question.

SRI G. MADE GOWDA.— The question is not whether we are entitled to investigate or whether the Department has got the power to investigate. That is also not at all our business. I have said that 4,960 cubic metres of wood has been sanctioned and out of which 1,226 cubic metres of wood has been delivered. The value is different from timber to timber. If you want that information I will collect and send it to you within five minutes. The entire amount we have recovered.

SRI C.M. ARUMUGHAM .— What I wanted is that, the question that I put must go on record. The House must know the matter. It is not between me and the Minister.

MR. SPEAKER .— The information is not with the Minister.

SRI C.M. ARUMUGHAM .— Sir I leave it to you to decide whether my question is relevant or not. The Minister must be in a position to give the required information because he is a Forest Minister, he must be strong...

MR. SPEAKER .— Forest is not strong. You can imagine the calamities. He said that at the moment he does not have the inform.

ation. You can also get that information from the Minister. Of course, your point is also correct that the question must go on record.

SRI C.M. ARUMUGHAM.— Have they deposited any advance for the supply of logs? What are the terms and conditions between the Bharath Gold Mines and the Forest Department? Could it be possible to place the agreement on the table of the House?

SRI G. MADE GOWDA.— The agreement is that we have to give as per the schedule of rates.

MR. SPEAKER.— Is it a lengthy one?

SRI G. MADE GOWDA.— There are 9 conditions. It is very simple. Schedule of rates in force are subject to revision of the currency of the supply. The period of supply will be up to 31st October 1980. We will have to pay an additional 10% of selection charges plus sales tax and surcharge on sales tax and Forest Development tax etc. The rates collected is ex-depot. The payment made shall be made in advance or before lifting the timber. You have to abide by the procedure regarding the payment to be made. You have to select the timber from the depot to be specified by the Conservator of Forest, Varahi Project, Forest Circle. These are the conditions. We have fulfilled all the conditions.

SRI C.M. ARUMUGHAM.— Please tell what they have sent in that 'chit'.

SRI G. MADE GOWDA.— They said in it what I have already said that they have paid the entire amount.

MR. SPEAKER.— Question hour is over. The next item, Culling? Attention to Matters of Urgent Public Importance.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

Raibhaga Co-operative Sugar Factory

31 SRI R. S. NADONI (Raibagh).—Will the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of various categories of posts at Raibagh Co-operative sugar Factory ;

(b) whether appointments have been made for all the posts ; if so, the number of persons working with details may be furnished ;